

The Bethel News.

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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Supt. of Schools, H. H. Hastings; School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, Z. W. Bartlett, East; N. F. Brown; Town Agent, A. E. Herrick; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.
Going East, 8:40 a. m.; 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.
MAILS ARRIVE.
From East, 10:50 a. m.; 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m.; 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNITED CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas.; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

MR. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31.—A. C. Frost, N. G.; E. S. Kilborn, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 64.—Martha A. Gibson, N. G.; Alice J. Farwell, V. G.; Jane H. Gibson, Rec. Sec.; Marcia Hastings, Fin. Sec.; Ellen M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56—John F. Howe, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; J. S. Hutchins, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

SUNBURY COL., No. 50, U. O. P. F., J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, C.; S. A. Gibson, R. S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Sec. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36.—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Little, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank.—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres.; Calvin Bisbee, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association.—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational.—Pres., Mrs. A. E. Herrick; Vice Pres., Mrs. Gilbert Tuell; Sec., Miss Mary True; Treas., Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist.—Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Pres.; Mrs. Cyrene Littlehale, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.; Miss Ethel Morse, Sec.

Columbian Club.—Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

UNITED ORDER OF GOLDEN CROSS, No. 444.—N. C. J. H. Barrows, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. R. S. W. Grover; K. of R., F. W. Bisbee.

House for Sale.

Anyone desiring to buy a small house in Bethel village, will do well to call at once on Dr. F. E. Tuell.

The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News-Man.

Memorial Day to-morrow.

L. L. Mason of Portland, is in town.

The News starts out to-day on its sixth year.

Mrs. A. E. Herrick is in Portland for a short time.

Excellent weather for farming, and, in fact, for almost anything.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bartlett of East Bethel, were in town, last week.

Judge A. E. Herrick will deliver the Memorial oration, at Bryant Pond.

E. P. Goodwin enjoyed a visit from his father and mother of Waterford, over Sunday.

Rev. F. E. Barton was called to his old home in Brownfield last week, by the illness of his step-father.

The E. S. N. S. Echo, the Castine State Normal School school paper, has just been published at the News office.

F. W. Sanborn, editor of the Norway Advertiser, was in town Monday, on his return from a fishing trip up Sunday river.

Rev. F. E. Barton, after preaching the Memorial sermon before Brown Post last Sunday, drove to West Paris and delivered a Memorial sermon there.

A ball game was played on the Common, last Saturday afternoon, between the Gould's Academy team and a picked up nine. The game was decided in favor of the Academy nine.

The Gould's Academy ball team will play the Rumford Falls nine, at Riverside Park next Saturday afternoon. They will also play the Bethel nine on the Common, Wednesday forenoon.

Just our luck; while Old Sol had the black eye, he kept his face covered up, and just about the time that the shadow was to pass off the clouds lifted and the sun appeared, just as perfect as you please.

T. F. Kendall moved a small building across the over-head bridge last Saturday, and while doing so, the building came in contact with the telegraph wires and downed them, so that for a time communication with the outside world was cut off.

By an act of the last Legislature Hapgood brook was closed against all fishing, and notices to that effect were at once put up along the brook. Several of those notices have been destroyed and a reward of five dollars has been offered for the detection of anyone who may in the future mutilate or destroy any of them in any way.

Our people remember with much pleasure the excellent ice cream that they used to get last season at Wiley's Drug store, and they will be pleased to know that the same privilege will be afforded them this season. Mr. Wiley opens up his ice cream business to-day, and henceforth our people can get their ice cream—than which there is none better—by the glass or gallon, at prices cheaper than they can make it themselves.

It will be remembered that one night last winter the government steamer Resolute was sunk in Boston Harbor by a collision while on the way from the city to Fort Warren, and that Capt. E. T. Brown distinguished himself in the work of rescue at that time. For his successful efforts in saving life on that occasion he has been presented with a medal by the Massachusetts Humane Society, which is a much prized token, as this society has been in existence a hundred years, and has in that time awarded only about one hundred of these medals.—Oxford Democrat.

It may be interesting to know that Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pratt of Bethel, have one of those one hundred medals, which was awarded to Samuel Bannister, for saving the life of one Benj. Canning on July 12, 1812. It will be seen that this medal was awarded during the early days of the Society, and must be one of the first ones awarded.

Mrs. Alice J. Farwell visited friends at Gilead, last Thursday.

Mrs. Florence Holt expects to go to the Maine General Hospital next Saturday for treatment.

Geo. B. Farnsworth and a friend of Bowdoin College spent Sunday at Mr. Farnsworth's home.

Don't forget to send your goods to the Globe Steam Laundry. Family washings only twenty-five cents per dozen. Shirt waists a specialty.

Hanging May baskets is lots of fun, but if perchance, we miss the street number, well there is a decided turn of affairs; so testify some of our young folks.

The Bethel Bird Society will hold its next meeting with George and Susan King, on Saturday afternoon June 2, at 2 p. m. The Chipping Sparrow will be studied.

Dr. Hill's dog Dash, which has been failing in health for the past year, died this morning, at the age of 14 years. Dr. Hill has owned him for about ten years and says, he was unquestionably the best all round hunter, that he ever saw.

At a meeting of the Gould's Academy reunion committee, held Monday night, it was voted to procure a tent, under which to hold the banquet. Everything is being done, that can be done, to make the reunion a grand success, and the event bids fair to be unparalleled by anything of the kind that has ever been held in the history of the school.

The sale and supper given at the Universalist chapel last Thursday, by the ladies of the Relief Corps, was well attended. The supper was as usual, first class; the entertainment in the evening consisted of music and recitations:

Solo, Mrs. Arthur Varley
Recitation, Helen Bisbee
Solo, Jane Gibson
Reading, Martha Gibson
Solo, Ruth Bean
The pillow which was sold by vote, was won by Mr. E. P. Goodwin, principal of the grammar school. About \$25 was added to the treasury.

A band of gypsies passed through Bethel Tuesday. Fortune telling was one of their strong fortes. It is rumored that they were pretty well patronized, and that their patrons are wiser to say the least than before their fortunes were told, and at least one, Officer Barker, profited in dollars and cents, by their appearance for he it was, in whom several of the victims confided, and offered a right good bonus, if he would run down the gang and get back the spoils. But mind you they swore him to secrecy before he started, so he is as mum as a clam. He headed them off as they were making their exit down Church street, and readily recovered five dollars taken from the five who first confided in him, their secret. When it became noised abroad that he had been successful, others there were who mustered up courage enough to announce that they too, had had their fortunes told, but by that time the gang had gotten a pretty good start, and it was thought best not to chase them.

Memorial Sunday.

The first part of the observance of Memorial Day in Bethel, in common with all other parts of the country, occurred Sunday morning, when Brown Post, and the Relief Corps attended service in a body.

The service was held in the Congregational church, which was filled to the doors. The church was very prettily and appropriately decorated with green and white in front and on either side of the altar, and the stars and stripes draped gracefully about the organ.

Music appropriate to the occasion was beautifully rendered by a chorus consisting of the choirs of the various local churches; an able and interesting Memorial sermon, was preached by Rev. F. E. Barton of the Universalist church. A synopsis of the sermon will be found in the Ministers' column, in this issue.

Gould's Academy Commencement Week.

The exercises of this week, which are so full of interest to the teachers, scholars, and friends of our Academy, begin Sunday afternoon June 3, at 2 o'clock, at which time the baccalaureate services will be held in the Congregational church.

Not the least interesting feature of the week will be the Prize Debate between representatives of the Junior and Senior Classes. Greek will meet Greek at 7:45, on the platform of Odeon Hall, Tuesday evening, June 5, and it will be a tug to the finish. Mr. Charles H. Holmes and Mr. Merritt B. Gay, will represent the Seniors, and Mr. Walter W. Holmes and Mr. Edwin Harvey the Juniors. Their oracular powers will be employed to prove the right or the wrong of the momentous question involved in the following resolution: "Resolved that the United States should retain the dominion, sovereignty, and control of the Philippine Islands, with a view to their permanent retention as a part of the United States." The following gentlemen will pass judgment upon the merits of the debate: William W. McCann, Esq., Poland; Ellery C. Park, Esq., and Henry H. Hastings, Esq., Bethel. Music will be furnished by a Ladies' Quartette.

The central event of the week however, will take place in Odeon Hall, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when eight bright young people will go through their last exercises, as students of Gould's Academy. The program for the Graduation Exercise, is as follows:

Music.
Invocation.
Music.
Salutatory—The Man for the Crisis, Merritt Brackett Gay
True Nobility, Constance Henderson Grover
Know Thyself, Daisy Ethel Dixon
Class History, Barbara Allan Carter
Class Oration—Non Scholae sed Vitae
Discimus, Charles Holstead Holmes
Prophecy, Harry Hancock Farwell
Music.
Presentation of Gifts, William Henry Holmes
Valedictory—Silent Influences, Maud Lillian Thurston
Music.
Conferring of Diplomas.
Singing Class Ode.
Benediction.

Jones' orchestra of Oxford, will furnish music.

In the evening a grand concert will be given by the Lotus Male Quartette of Lewiston, assisted by Miss Emily W. Cornish, elocutionist of Boston. The class has endeavored, through this quartette, to furnish a concert of the first order, and a large patronage is earnestly desired.

Friday evening will witness the grand finale, in the way of a reception. Music to be furnished by Jones' orchestra of Oxford.

Off to Puerto Rico?

Among the Washington correspondence of the Boston Advertiser yesterday was the following:

"It is said that Dr. Gallison of Franklin, Mass., who was a passive candidate for the postmastership of that place, may be called upon to serve the government in some responsible position in Puerto Rico under Gov. Allen."

We violate no confidence when we say that the doctor is at present in correspondence with Secretary of State Hay and Mr. Cortelyou, private secretary to President McKinley, in regard to the matter, although he has absolutely no idea of the nature of the work which such an appointment might entail.—Franklin Sentinel.

Memorial Day.

Services will be held at East Bethel, at 9:30 a. m.; Mason, at 9:30 a. m.; West Bethel, 11 a. m. Delegations from Brown Post and the W. R. C. will be present at these services. Exercises at Woodlawn cemetery, at 2:15 p. m. The line will form at 1:30 p. m., right resting at corner of Broad and Main streets.

Marshal—Maj. G. A. Hastings.
Aids—E. H. Young,
S. I. French.
Position in the line will be assigned at that time.

Procession will be headed by Berlin drum corps, ten pieces.
Address at the Congregational church at 7:45 p. m., by Col. C. H. French of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Charles Kenney of Portland, spent Sunday with her father, St. John Hastings.

MINISTERS' CORNER.

Synopsis of the Memorial Sermon Preached Last Sunday at the Congregational Church by Rev. F. E. Barton.

Christian Heroism.

[Text—I Cor. 13:13.]

Christian heroism may be said to include the spirit of a "Newer Patriotism," with its trinity of virtues known as patience, mercy, and trust. That was a homely classic left by David Crockett to his countrymen, when he said: "Be sure you are right, and then go ahead." Still it was Christian. It means, have patience. It was echoed by the heroic Sigsbee, in the blowing up of the battleship Maine, who wired the President not to take action until a more thorough investigation had been made. In other words, "Don't be rash, have patience."

It is really our mission, as a nation—morally speaking—not only to build ourselves up, but to help others also. "From whom much is given, much is required," as well as to remember the heroic souls who made this country what it is to-day.

This nation's opportunity was put in peril, in the year 1861, by a rebellion of states. In that act of rebellion, a mighty test was applied to this country's great experiment in government and political life. The one great question decided, in that struggle, was: whether this peaceful compact should be maintained as a light to other nations, or whether its broken fragments should impede the progress of the whole human race. In the decision of that fateful question, there was no more potent factor, than the mind and will of Abraham Lincoln. He grasped the issue with unerring perception, and persisted in the only course which could decide it aright. Rarely has this world witnessed a sublimer spectacle than this simple, patient, merciful, God-fearing man, holding fast to this one purpose of preserving the liberties of the people. Through reverses and disappointments, harassed by treachery and indifference in camp and council, treason in the rear, and rebellion in front of him, defied by foes and mistrusted by friends; however that might be, he kept before himself, and kept before the nation, the one aim in which he and they must unite, namely: "The preservation of the Union." He saw the one work that was necessary, essential, pre-eminent. As wise as he was honest, and as strong as he was courageous, as invincible testimony to the fact, that a true Christian is necessarily a true hero.

Going back in history to the period of the rebellion,—among the rank and file—we find no greater spirit of heroism displayed by our countrymen—as they swept up the steep slopes of Lookout Mountain, or crowned the hills of Gettysburg with invincible steel,—than in the fortitude which kept the heart of patriotism unwavering through the privations of southern stockades and prison-pens; the weary weeks and months in the midst of disease and dirt, with starvation staring them in the face. Patience? Yes! even unto death. I think of Corporal Gibson, as an instance, who, on being approached with an offer of freedom if he would swear allegiance to the Southern Confederacy, said: "You may starve this body, but you cannot stain my soul with treason!" "Who does not suffer, does not win," says the proverb. So the devoted heroes could say,—many of them,—"We glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation, worketh patience, and patience, experience, and experience, hope, and by hope we are saved." The spirit which conquered in the late Civil war, was as much patience in the long campaign, as courage in the charge.

Closely allied to patience, comes mercy. No less useful or suggestive as a virtue in the matter of Christian heroism. It suggests the fact that we have conquered Spain, and the treaty has been ratified. Outlying islands of the Indian and Pacific seas have come into our keeping. In the name of mercy, what are

we going to do with them? I hear some men say: "We will do what we please, we are strong enough. We are a mighty nation—one of the great powers."

Again comes the question: "Why are we entering these outlying possessions? Is it simply for our own personal advantage? Is it to ply the lash a little more cruelly, for the sake of utilizing their great resources for our enrichment? Or do we enter those islands in the name of mercy, to give them all that we have of our freedom, our self-government, our schools, and libraries, and colleges, all the best intelligence, education, liberty?" If the latter, then the old promise shall be verified: "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Then this land may become brighter, and fairer, and nobler, than ever in the past. Then the Kingdom shall come here, with a new, strange splendor, and Thy will shall be done here, as it is in Heaven.

Finally, in reviewing the life of him, who gave us the words for our text to-day, we find that the predominating influence that made him the Christian hero that he proved to be, was the virtue of trust. St. Paul was, originally, a conservative Jew, belonging to a strict sect of the Pharisees, but while on the road to Damascus, one day, his heart became melted by the love of God, after which, he refused to be fettered by any party, creed, or system, if he found them to be wrong. He "resolved not to know anything"—comparatively speaking—"save Jesus Christ." So it is, with the truly heroic soul—he knows no God but Jehovah; acknowledges no guide but His word; submits to no censor but conscience; and owes no allegiance, but to Jesus Christ. And so it is, again, that men who work and fight under the inspiration of Christian heroism, are royal men, and loyal men. Their attitude can never be mistaken. The one principle which is always relied upon; one beacon light never falters—even in the wildest storm; one rock to which the elements thought it be wise, pale face, and bleeding hands, and that is, his everlasting trust in the Eternal.

Trust gives us footing. Skepticism is the sapper and miner, taking the ground from beneath our feet. A man must feel that he has something under him that he can trust. In difficulty or danger, the mind must be in a positive attitude of confidence. One can not fight difficulties in the air. Trust is the vantage-ground for battle. It is the "Round-Top," the key-point of the situation, in the battle of life. Never has a deeper-reaching, truer precept of human conduct been laid down, than Kipling's wondrous refrain: "Whatever comes, or does not come, we must not be afraid." Trust God, have confidence, and do the best we can.

CHURCH NOTES.

METHODIST.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church, will meet for the election of officers and other important business, at the home of Miss Addie Gordon next Thursday, at 2:30 p. m. An earnest call is hereby given to all ladies interested in Missions.

CONGREGATIONAL.

There will be no services at the Congregational church Sunday morning, on account of the Baccalaureate service, which will be held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Ladies' Club meets with Mrs. Furlington, Thursday afternoon, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is earnestly desired, as special and important business is to be considered.

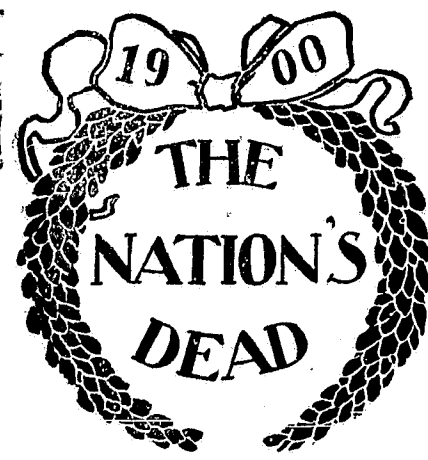
The regular C. E. service in Garland chapel, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Births.

In Upton, May 7, to the wife of E. C. Chase, a son.

Died.

Died at Cuscutic, May 6, Norman Bragg of Upton, aged 22 years.



Some sleep beneath a southern sun;
Some 'neath a northern sky;
Some dreamless rest in ocean's breast;
Some in far countries lie.
But whoso'er our heroes sleep
Within our hearts they live,
And bloom of spring today we bring
And to their mem'ries give.

Some fought their fight and gained their rest
A century ago;
Their crumbling bones, unmarked by stones,

Their names we do not know.
But though unknown to us their names,
We hold their mem'ries dear,
And we today our homage pay,
And drop the silent tear.

YET UNMARKED BY A STONE

A MEMORIAL DAY STORY BY NEIL MACDONALD

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AS the man in-
sane? He knelt
praying upon the
bank of the Ya-
zoo, a memorial
wreath in each
hand, and as I
watched him
from my boat he
rose and cast the
wreaths one after
another into the
river.

"Pardon me,
sir," said I as I
stepped ashore, "if I ask the meaning of
these wreaths. As this is Memorial day, I
suppose your action is inspired by some
sad memory of the civil war."

"Yes," he replied solemnly. "The
strange act which you saw me perform
memorializes what was to me one of the
saddest incidents of the civil war. I was
decorating the grave of John Douglas,
private in a Pennsylvania regiment of
volunteers, a brave man and the truest
I ever had."

"I see no
re-only water."

"And only water covers my hero. His
soul is there some day in the river."

"What you say," I remarked, "excites
my curiosity. I served in the campaigns
along this river, and I shall be deeply in-
terested if you will tell me the story."

"This he did as we sat side by side on the
bank of the river."

"The Pennsylvania regiment to which
I belonged," said he, "formed part of the
force with which General Sherman at-
tempted to attack Vicksburg by way of
the Yazoo river. We ascended the river
on transports on Dec. 25, 1862, and began
operations on the following day. Be-
tween us and Vicksburg lay a swampy
region intersected by numerous bayous.
After several skirmishes it was found
impossible to force a passage through the
swamps, which were passable only by
narrow causeways, commanded by Con-
federate batteries, and the attempt was
abandoned after a few days."

"In the last of these skirmishes I was
severely wounded and was left unnoticed
by my comrades in a dense canebrake
upon their return to the Yazoo after the
attempt had failed. I lay for some time
in a semiconscious condition, securely
screened from the eyes of my enemies, as
I had been, unfortunately, from those of
my friends. My condition was truly de-
plorable, for I was not only seriously
wounded and weak from the loss of
blood, but the causeway was now patrol-
led by Confederate soldiers, and even
were it otherwise the Federal troops had
probably by that time re-embarked on
the transport, and should I reach the
Yazoo it would only be to fall into the
hands of the enemy."

"Without any definite purpose to guide
my steps, but impressed by the necessity
of leaving a position where I was in dan-
ger of being captured, I moved aimlessly
through the dense thickets in the direction
which led me away from the causeway.
A slight frost had rendered the swampy
soil more firm, and the chief difficulty en-
countered was in making my way
through the cane and bushes and inter-
lacing vines."

"After slowly groping about in this
manner for three or four hours I saw
rising ground in front of me and an open-
ing in the thick growth of trees crowning
it which I thought indicated a near ap-
proach to the abode of man. If my con-
jecture were correct, temporary relief was
at hand, for even enemies would not re-
fuse to aid one in my pitiable condition.
Upon reaching the opening in the woods
I saw a neat, whitewashed cottage, sur-
rounded by an orchard, a short distance
in front of me, while in rear of the house
a small, well cultivated farm extended
down the opposite slope to a bayou where
the oasis abruptly ended."

"Completely exhausted and feeling that
even death would be a relief, I painfully
made my way to the gate leading through
the orchard to the cottage. Upon reach-
ing it I saw in the path before me a tall,
beautiful girl, and then I remember noth-
ing more. When I recovered conscious-
ness, I found myself lying in bed in a
tastefully furnished room. The conclusion
was forced upon me that I had fallen
into kind hands, and then, just as I
recalled the vision of a beautiful being in
white, the girl herself stood before me."

"How can I describe her beauty—her
perfection of form? I thought of Muril-
le's masterpiece, 'The Immaculate Con-
ception,' but here was a beauty tran-
scending the painter's inspiration, and
the music of her voice was like the trill
of a song bird, softened by the coo of a
dove!"

"I SAW A TALL, BEAUTIFUL GIRL."

"I thought you had gone to the land of
shades, and here I find you by the side
of a beautiful girl in an Arcadian para-
dise which seems to have arisen by
magic amid the swamps and bayous of
the Yazoo river. I let your family
know of your disappearance and my
fears as to your safety. Now you can
let them know that you are still living
and ready to fight for the Union, un-
less," he continued laughing, "the beau-
tiful Confederate who just now left your
company has converted you to the cause
of her people."

"While we were absorbed in our greet-
ings, Aunt Dinah, a domestic of the
household, came hurriedly toward us



"She came forward with some degree
of hesitancy and apparently maidenly re-
serve, and in a tone of sympathy inquired
after my condition. She told me that I
had been very ill and delirious and had
already passed two nights in the house.
Her father, she added, was ardently de-
voted to the southern cause, as she was
herself, but they were always ready to
respond to the calls of humanity and in
ministering to the sick they made no dis-
tinction between a Confederate and Union
soldier."

"As you may judge from my enthu-
siasm, I fell in love with this fair angel
of the Yazoo, Olympia Le Moyne. I
convalesced rapidly, all too rapidly, for
I dreaded the approach of the time
when I would be compelled to rejoin my
regiment and leave her, perhaps forever.
I was soon on a footing of the most
friendly intimacy with her father, Francis
Le Moyne, who had been at one time
engaged in business in New Orleans. Why
he and his daughter Olympia had re-
moved to that lonely spot, in a region
of swamps and bayous, I did not inquire,
and they volunteered no explanation. They
were people of refinement, and
whatever their motive in so secluded
themselves I felt it to be one that could
cast no discredit upon them."

"I remained a month in the Le Moyne
cottage. Olympia and myself were to-
gether on every possible opportunity, and
finally she made me supremely happy by
confessing that she loved me. How well
I remember each separate incident in
this delightful and romantic period of
my life! I was oblivious of everything
but that contained within my narrow
environment. Olympia 'was the ocean to
the river of my thoughts,' and all my
hopes and desires centered in her."

"About the end of January Mr. Le
Moyne told me that his son, who was
a captain in the Confederate service,
had been wounded and was coming home
on leave in a few days. He, as well as
myself, knew it would be at least an
embarrassing were we to meet. My cheek
flushed with shame when I thought of
my comrades fighting the battles of their
country while I, an intruder upon the
hospitality of the enemies of the cause
I loved, was passing my time in happy
but inglorious ease."

"At once sought Olympia and told
her I would be compelled to leave on the
day following. She exhausted all the re-
sources of her fascinating and beautiful
woman to dissuade me, but seeing that
all her arts were in vain finally gave a
reluctant consent."

"But how to get away and rejoin my
regiment was now the problem presented
to my mind. I could not escape by way
of Vicksburg, and, for anything I knew
to the contrary, the banks of the Yazoo
might be in possession of the Confed-
erates and their vessels instead of Union
gunboats might be patrolling the river."

"Just at this juncture a scouting party
of Union troops from one of our gunboats
appeared upon the scene. Among the
number I was delighted to see my boon
comrade and tent mate, John Douglas, who
greeted me with a warmth and en-
thusiasm which did not require the evi-
dence of tearful eyes to convince me of
their earnestness."

"My dear fellow," he exclaimed, his
face aglow with surprise and pleasure,

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"While we were absorbed in our greet-
ings, Aunt Dinah, a domestic of the
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from the opposite side of the farm. See-
ing me, she rushed forward and exclaim-
ed excitedly:

"Massa, massa! De Confeds are
comin shua—a whole reg'ment. Youse
habe time yet to 'scape, if you lebe
now."

"Though doubting the accuracy of the
faithful creature's account, so far as the
strength of the enemy was concerned, we
deemed it prudent to avoid encounter
with them, if possible, as our party num-
bered but 21."

"I sought Olympia and bade her a re-
flecting, heart-breaking farewell, consoling
her with the promise that I would return
to her after the war. This promise I
faithfully performed. We were married
and have lived for over 30 years in the
cottage where she nursed me."

"As we were entering a narrow path,
on the verge of the rising ground lead-

"HE BORE ME TO THE BANK OF THE RIVER."

"I saw the Confederates rapidly approach-
ing and in such numbers that there was
no possibility of our coping with them.
So we rushed along at our utmost speed,
our progress being much impeded by in-
terlacing vines, which in some places had
fallen across the track and in others
hung from the trees just low enough to
entangle our heads in their meshes."

"As we reached the causeway there
was no indication of the enemy, and we
began to hope that they had not discov-
ered the route we took. We did not
shaken our speed, however, and when
we had covered most of the distance to
the river we saw them following at full
speed. Henceforth it was a race in
which the stakes were death or captivity
and safety. As our leading files had
reached the bank of the river a Confed-
erate bullet, fired at long range, hit me
in the leg, and I fell helpless into the
bushes by the wayside. Our men then
fired a volley at the foe, which did some
execution and checked their advance."

"Soon after I fell John Douglas was by
my side and raised me to my feet. It
was impossible for me to walk or even to
stand alone, and I begged him to leave
me to my fate and save himself from
capture or perhaps death. But the noble
hearted fellow, not listening to my re-
monstrances for a moment, picked me
up in his powerful arms and bore me to
the bank of the river. Our comrades
were then rescued, and using my
hands as paddles, I had made some progress
toward the vessel when I saw a row-
boat coming to our rescue. My heroic,
self sacrificing friend still kept me com-
pany. The boat approached nearer and
nearer until she was only two lengths
away. Then I turned and looked for
my friend, and I saw his head disappear
beneath the water. I threw myself from
the plank into the water in an agony of
despair, wishing to share the fate of my
comrade, but I was soon rescued and taken
into the boat."

"Can you wonder now," he continued,
while tears flowed down his pale cheeks,
"that I cast a flower wreath on the dark
waters of the Yazoo on Memorial day?"

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POETRY AND LANGUAGE OF FLORA'S
RAREST GIFTS.

Symbols Used in the Grand Army
Ceremonies—Martial Valor and Vir-
tues Typified—How the Poets Inter-
pret Form and Color.

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The elements had combined to make
Memorial day one of perfection. All na-
ture bloomed with the fragrance of early
summer, and the trees swayed in majes-
tic splendor, overshadowing the green
swathed hillside graves. Veterans of
1861, together with many of 1898, sur-

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ADAPTING FASHIONS.

WOMEN SHOULD SELECT STYLES TO
SUIT THEMSELVES.

Something Fetching in Dinner and
Visiting Gowns—When Fashions
Are Generally Adopted, Leaders
Always Change Them.

It is in the adaptation of fashion to
their personal aspect that consists the
true coquetry of women. And yet how
few of them put in practice this aphor-
ism, says the European edition of the
New York Herald.

The stylish dress for a small dinner
party shown herewith is entirely of
string colored guimpe made up over a
ground of Ophelia colored faille with a
transparency of mousseline de sole to
match the silk between the two mate-
rials. The form of the dress is the
princess cut, with a tunic falling over



DINNER DRESS.

a skirt trimmed with narrow fluffy
frouces of mousseline de sole overlap-
ping and bordered round the bottom
with guimpe like the body of the dress.
On the side of the chest is a rosette of
Ophelia colored tulle with ends falling
over the dress as far as the knees.

Another sketch shows a stylish dress
for paying visits or for the races, as it
is now admissible either to dress for
these sporting occasions or to go in tail-
or made costumes. The question is
accepted as a matter of personal taste
or regulated by the weather and the
importance of the race meeting. The
dress in question is of mauve and
white silk stripe. The corsage, which
is almost entirely composed of yellow
gaulure, is trimmed with braces of
striped ribbons to match the dress.
They also encircle the corsage and
form an aigret bow on the left side of
the chest. The sleeves are of gaulure,
with turn back cuffs "en l'aveuse." Over
the skirt is a tunic partly cover-
ing it, and there is a lace flounce
around the bottom ending in a short
train.

In the days when fashions in dress
were supposed to be intended for the
especial purpose of displaying a beauty
or concealing a defect, says the New
York Sun, it was said that ugly women
introduced them, and pretty women
were foolish enough to follow them
even to the extent of disguising every
pretty line of the figure. But in these
fin de siècle days it is ugly man who
leads in the fashion making, with com-
mercial advantage as his guiding prin-
ciple, and all women follow him, not
blindly perhaps, but very diligently,
looking upon his creations as inexora-
ble laws which in certain directions at
least must be observed without protest.
While he must keep pace with the



VISITING COSTUME.

growing tendency toward the artistic
and beautiful in dress, change is his
motto, and sleeves and skirts expand
and contract without rhyme or reason,
as the master of modes may find it con-
ducive to the success of his business.

SHIRT WAISTS.

How to Launder Them Without In-
juring Color or Fabric.

When the waist has become soiled,
the first precaution, of course, is to
remove the buttons and shingles; then
proceed to wash it in cold water, using
good laundry soap. When it is clean,
rinse it in cold water. Do not use hot
water, bluing or borax in the rinsing
water. Use any good powdered starch
that does not contain borax, making it
into a paste with boiling water. Then
thin the starch to the consistency de-
sired with fresh water until it is cold.
Hang the waist through the starch and
pass it in the sunshine until dry. This,
it should be remembered, is the only
way to retain the original colors of a
waist through the process of laundering.

A somewhat different method is nec-
essary for the white waist. It should
be washed in hot water. The hotter
the water the whiter the fabric will
be. Rub until all the soiled marks are
removed; then wring and place in a
tub, where boiling water may be pour-
ed over it or, better still, boil for ten
minutes. To the scald add a little
powdered borax. The rinsing water
should be cold, with a little bluing in it
to insure a snow whiteness. The waist
should be starched in the ordinary
manner, using the same kind of starch
described for colored waists. This ap-
plies to the laundering of all white
garments.

After the waist is thoroughly dry
sprinkle it with cold water until it is
moderately damp. Have some cold
starch ready, using four tablespoonfuls
of powdered starch to one pint of wa-
ter. Dip the collar or collar band, cuffs
and waist fronts into the starch one
at a time and be sure that every thread
of the linen composing those parts is
saturated with starch. Then fold the
garment for a few minutes, and it is
ready for ironing. Here the results de-
pend much upon the temperature of
the iron, and nice discrimination is re-
quired to avoid too much or too little
heat. When ironing a colored waist,
either of silk or cotton fabric, one
should not use too hot an iron, and yet
it must be hot enough to iron smooth-
ly without blistering or sticking to
the starch. An overheated iron injures
bright colors as much as do hot wa-
ter and poor soap.

In ironing a silk waist place a piece
of cheesecloth over the garment and
iron as any ordinary article. By doing
this the natural appearance of the silk
is preserved, which would be impos-
sible if the iron were brought in direct
contact with it.—Woman's Home Com-
panion.

How to Make Fish Savory.

Make a sauce of one teaspoonful each
of butter and flour and one cup of hot
milk in which a "pea" of soda has
been dissolved. Cook until smooth and
then add a gill of strained tomato liq-
uor, a half teaspoonful of onion juice,
a saltspoonful of salt and a dust of
cayenne. Stir in last one and one-half
cups of flaked cold cooked fish, toss
and stir until the fish is heated through
and serve on crisp buttered toast.

How to Scalloped Asparagus.

Wash the asparagus and cut the ten-
der part in two inch lengths and boil
them in salted water for ten minutes.
Boil four eggs hard and chop them fine.
Butter an earthen dish and put a layer
of the asparagus in the bottom. Scatter
some of the egg over it and season
with salt and pepper. Repeat until the
dish is filled, having for the last layer
the vegetable. Make a sauce of two
tablespoonfuls of butter and the same
of flour. When this is cooked, gradu-
ally stir in two cups of milk and cook un-
til it thickens. Season with a dash of
cayenne and pour it over the prepared
asparagus. Cover the top with a layer
of bread crumbs and sprinkle grated
cheese on top. Bake in a hot oven
from 10 to 15 minutes.

How to Stew Haddock.

Remove the head and otherwise dress
the fish and place it in a pan of salted
water to simmer slowly for one hour.
Place it on a platter, pour drawn but-
ter over it, spread with mashed pota-
toes enough to cover, over all grate the
whites of two hard boiled eggs, place
in the oven and bake to a light brown.
Serve with green peas.

How to Stew Breast of Veal.

Take about five pounds of breast of
veal, trim it to shape and brown on
both sides in a saucepan with a little
butter or dripping. Add enough water
or stock to half cover the meat, two
carrots cut in slices, two turnips, a
bunch of savory herbs, an onion and
sufficient pepper and salt to season
rather highly. Let all simmer very
slowly for nearly two hours; then re-
move the meat to a hot platter, sur-
round it with the vegetables, strain the
gravy, remove the fat, thicken it and
pour around it.

How to Make Bread Pudding.

To one pint of new milk add one
beaten egg, one cup of sugar, one-half
saltspoon of salt, two cups of bread
crumbs and one tablespoonful of but-
ter. Bake in a moderate oven.

How to Make Clam Soup.

Wash one quart of clams with a cup
of cold water, but save the liquor
which escaped when the clams were
opened. To it add the hard part of
the clams, chopped fine. Pour it gradu-
ally over one-third cup each of but-
ter and flour, cooked together. Scald
one quart of milk with a slice of onion,
remove the onion and add the milk
with the soft part of the clams to the
thickened broth. Cook three or four
minutes and season to taste with salt
and pepper.

How to Eat Pie.

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ing pie. Separate it into convenient
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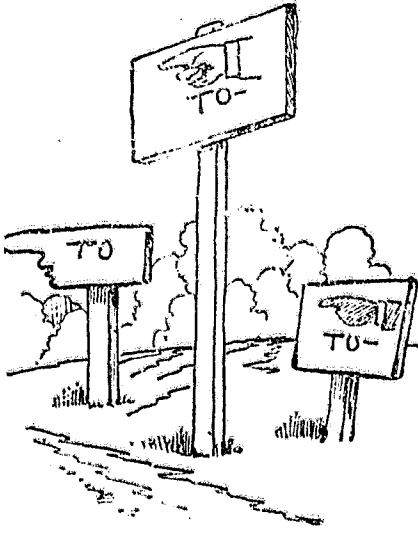
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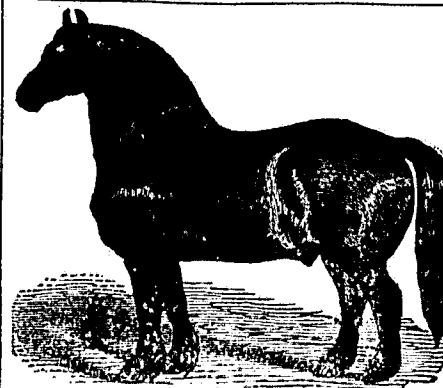
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1900.

Now is the time for village improvement societies to get to work and make things neat and attractive.

The largest American flag in this country, is being sent to France and will be hoisted above the Eiffel tower on July 4.

Great Britain has forgotten, of course, how shocked she was at our rejoicing at our victory over such a little fellow as Spain.

Congressman Littlefield is expected to make a speech in the House in a few days, on the issue of trusts. You may look out for a record breaker.

Our total foreign trade this fiscal year is likely to exceed two and a quarter billion dollars, which is about \$300,000,000 more than last year.

How about that sensation that was advertised so extensively in the So. Berwick case? It hasn't materialized yet and the So. Berwick murder remains a mystery.

The total amount of money in circulation in the United States was about a billion and a half dollars in 1896. This year, under protection and the gold standard, it exceeds two billions.

Does anyone really propose that we should go to war with Great Britain on behalf of the Boers? If not, what is the use of encouraging the latter to continue a hopeless fight? They have proved themselves to be men indeed, but the end is inevitable.

While interested in watching the contest between the two German steamship lines as to which shall build the biggest and the fastest steamship for their trade with the United States, the American people should not forget that they are paying the bills. If we did our duty to our country we would be building those ships in the United States, and manning them with our own citizens, as the shipping bill, still unacted upon in Congress, provides.

Dr. Albert Shaw describes "Paris and the Exposition of 1900" in his magazine, the Review of Reviews, for June. Dr. Shaw regards Paris itself, the typically modern city, as an inseparable part of the great fair. So far from complaining of the incompleteness of the Exposition in the opening month, as many visitors have, Dr. Shaw welcomed the opportunity to see so many wonders of the fair in the making. His article is one of the most discriminating estimates of the real value of the Paris show that has been published on this side of the Atlantic.

Washington has not in many years seen as prompt and vigorous official action as that which followed the discovery of the Cuban postal frauds. Every agency of the Government has been set at work to bring all the facts to the surface and all the guilty parties to justice. The fact that the men who are charged with these crimes were, when selected, men whose integrity had never been called in question, does not reduce in the slightest degree the vigor with which the investigation is being pushed or the plans laid for the punishment of every guilty man.

The Boer envoys have met with plenty of enthusiasm but little aid. There is a difference between patting a fellow on the back and telling him that he's all right and wading in to help him, and the Boers will find this out if they expect anything beyond a "jolly."

The Census and Persons Away from Home During June.

The count of the people in the United States will begin in all parts of the country, June 1, and end in the cities two weeks later and in the rest of the country before the close of the month. The people are to be counted at their places of residence, but as many persons and families will be away from their homes during June there is some danger that such persons will not be counted. If they are not counted, the locality in which they live will be misrepresented to that extent, and in some cases this misrepresentation may be enough to affect the representation in Congress of the State from which they come. Local pride and state pride, therefore, should influence all such absentees to take reasonable precautions against being omitted from enumeration in their places of residence. Such omissions are most likely to occur in the large cities where families close their homes and go elsewhere for the summer. The occurrence of the Paris exposition this year is likely to increase the number absent from the country.

In all cases of contemplated absence the head of the family is requested by the Census Office to communicate with the supervisor of the district in which he lives. He is also requested to leave information regarding his answers to the questions which are to be asked, with some responsible neighbor who will agree to see that it reaches the enumerator on his rounds. Such information might better be left as a memorandum in writing, as in that case it is less likely to be overlooked. The questions to which answers are desired apply primarily to the population, but also to all farms and manufacturing establishments. They are being published from time to time, in the press of the country.

By taking this trouble the absent citizen will do justice to his locality and his State, and materially aid the Census Office in the performance of its duties.

The Cause of the Famine.

India is a country not quite half as large as the United States, with four times its population. These 300,000,000 people must be fed from their own crops, as there is relatively, no manufacturing resource to buy food with. There are parts of India with a population of 1,000 people to the square mile; and there are millions upon millions of farm laborers, with vagrants, gypsies, and nondescript classes, whose means of living, even in times of plenty, are insupportable. In a normal year the country, as a whole, produces a little more food than is actually necessary to support its people. But the crops are dependent on the monsoons—the southwest monsoon in the beginning of summer, and the northeast monsoon in the winter. If these periodical rains are late, or are insufficient in quantity, trouble comes, and the spring and winter crops of wheat, barley, and pulses in the north, and of rice and millets in the south, begin to suffer. When the monsoons fail absolutely, there is destitution in the affected district, and when a persistent succession of failures and partial failures occurs, there comes a great and terrible famine, like that the country is now groaning under. Since the first great famine of which there are any records devastated the land in 1770, when 10,000,000 perished in Bengal alone India has scarcely passed a decade free from scarcity of grain in one district or another. The British Government expects a drought about twice in every nine years, a famine once in every eleven or twelve years, and a great famine like the present about twice in a century.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for June.

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The Poland Spring House, will open May 31, for its 25th season.

Norman Bragg of Upton, 22 years of age, was drowned in Cup-suptic river last week, while driving logs.

One of the largest salmon ever taken in the Penobscot river was caught by a Bucksport fisherman in his weir Saturday morning, and sent to market in Bangor. The fish weighed 34½ lbs.

E. D. Hoffses of Waldoboro has a silver pistareen, a small Spanish coin, of date 1725. He found it in his potato field 23 years ago. It is in a very good state of preservation. The pistareen was in general circulation in this country in the early part of the nineteenth century.

Contracts were made Monday by which a five mile electric road from Augusta to the National Soldiers' Home at Togus is assured. It is the intention to have the road completed in August. Amos F. Gerald, S. A. Nye, E. J. Lawrence and A. B. Paige of Fairfield and New York capitalists are behind the project.

Word has been received from the Dead river region that everything is moving in the most successful manner and that the rear drives are out of Chain of Ponds and Alder stream. There are about 15,000,000 feet of logs in these two drives which belong to the Berlin Mills Co. and Lawrence, Newell & Co. The last rains raised the water in the streams so that there is now but slight danger of any delay in the work.

The directors of the Norway National bank recommend the reduction of the capital of the bank to \$50,000. The comptroller at Washington has given permission for the stockholders to reduce the stock and a meeting of the stockholders will be held Tuesday, June 19, to pass upon the matter. One hundred thousand dollars is more capital than can be profitably used in the banking business at the present time in that community.

North Anson is tired of the bicycle. The Union Advocate reports the demise of the local ladies' club which was once so flourishing.

The shouts which came from an Ellsworth lodge-room, one night recently, so frightened a passer-by that he gave the alarm of fire and aroused the whole city. The lodge will probably muzzle the goat when it has another initiation.—Kennebec Journal.

Catalogues Wanted.
Aug. 9, is the date set for Gould's Academy reunion. The committee having the matter in charge is very anxious to secure catalogues of the school published the following years, and any person who has one, or more of the same, is respectfully urged to loan them to the committee:

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Blank books, note books, a dozen kinds or so; Envelopes, of all kinds, and paper to match you know.

Tablets, and school paper, of such there is no end; So drop into the NEWS OFFICE when you have some change to spend.

Not unheard of bargains—no, nothing here like that; To make such claims, you know, would be talking through one's hat.

So, as to our prices, we've nothing here to say, But will leave that to our customers, and bid you all good day.

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"I live in the glow of a perfect light.
I breathe the beauty of June,
Hearing the melody, day and night,
Of wild birds singing in tune.
Hearing the hum of a myriad life,
Burden the air with harmonious strife—
Bunch of the beetle and buzz of the bee,
Gush of the oriole, glad and free,
And owl under the moon."

M. O'Reilly attended the dance at Locke Mills, Tuesday night.

Willie Lapham of Bethel Hill visited his aunt, Mrs. Hattie Grover, Sunday.

A. J. Haskell has opened a flour, grain, and feed store under Grange Hall.

Miss Edith Briggs went to Albany Saturday and returned Sunday.

Geo. W. Merrow has purchased a light wagon of Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.

Mrs. Etta Cummings and daughter of Albany, are visiting Mrs. Cummings' father, E. R. Briggs, this week.

Messrs. Morton and Crockett, of the South Paris Manufacturing Co., were in town Thursday and Friday.

Elmer Allen has bought a new bicycle which he rides to and from his work in the Bethel Chair factory.

Mrs. Eunice Roberts, after spending a number of months with her daughter in Gorham, N. H., returned to her home in this village on Saturday last.

Heavy clouds, Monday forenoon, shut off our view of the total eclipse of the sun, and astronomers tell us another will not occur, visible here, for eighteen years.

GROVER HILL.

"The trees are full of crimson buds,
The woods are full of birds,
And the waters flow to music
Like a tune with pleasant words."

Eli Grover planted corn for Free-land Bennett, Saturday.

Mrs. Amanda Walker of North-west Bethel, is visiting her son, S. J. Walker.

Mrs. A. V. Walker is anticipating a visit from her son, Albert Haynes of Lewiston.

W. M. Browne, daughter Winifred and son Levi, returned from Epworth, Iowa, May 23.

GRAFTON.

Harvey Philbrook is in town.

Mr. N. W. Frost of Newry, was in town Sunday.

Walter Brinck went to Rumford Falls last week.

Carrie Brooks has gone to Upton to work for Mrs. S. Lane.

Mrs. A. F. Brooks and daughter, Daisy Searle, are visiting friends and relatives in Rumford and Mexico.

Did You Ever

hear a woman say, I cannot get a ready-made wrapper that will fit? Of course you have, but we hardly think you can recall any such remark regarding the wrappers we sell, for of the many strong points of our wrappers the fit is the strongest. We have received a new lot.

Price \$1.00—Wrappers made of new styles of Columbia Chambray, yoke trimmed with two rows of braid, row of braid on the collar. Some have a flounce skirt, others plain.

Price \$1.00—This is a print suit skirt and waist. Made in very neat style. Just think, price of suit only \$1.00.

Price \$1.25—This wrapper is made of very pretty designed print, pretty shaped yoke trimmed with two rows of 1 inch insertion, collar and cuffs trimmed with insertion, 4 inch ruffle over shoulder. Deep flounce on skirt. Hard to match at \$1.25.

Price \$1.25—This is a light print suit, skirt and waist made in pretty styles, waist trimmed with pretty insertion.

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Thomas Smiley,

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BRYANT POND.

D. D. Peveley has a new man working for him.

C. R. Dunham has moved his family to South Paris.

Mrs. Fred DeShon of Auburn, is at her grandfather's.

Robert Johnson is moving into the C. R. Dunham house.

Miss Fannie Whitman is visiting friends at East Rumford.

Horace and Sydney Littlefield went to East Stoneham, Saturday.

Miss Bertha Cushman, who is teaching at Rumford Falls, was at home Saturday.

The box supper at the Grange hall, Saturday night, was well attended and a good time enjoyed by all.

Sidney Littlefield, who has been staying here for two weeks, returned to his home in North Abington, Mass., Monday.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

During the eclipse of the sun, May 18, it was as cold as a March morning.

Mrs. Orsamus Nute and daughter, Mrs. Edith Hammond, are visiting relatives in this place.

Mrs. George I. Perham is very sick with measles at this writing. Her little daughter, Mildred, has recently recovered from the same.

The item in last week's News should have read: Mrs. Ann Ellingwood recently returned from Pennsylvania, where her son George is in business in manufacturing.

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G. H. Tracy visited in Norway two days last week.

Mrs. F. B. Howe visited relatives at South Paris last week.

J. M. Bartlett of Berlin, N. H., spent Sunday with his family at his home in this place.

Mrs. Olive Bartlett is staying with her brother, R. W. Needham of Rumford, who is sick.

Miss Kilgore and Miss Richardson of Newry, visited their friend, Miss Fannie Holt, last week.

Mrs. F. B. Howe will entertain the L. U. Society, Thursday afternoon, June 7. Refreshments will be served from 5 to 7 p. m. A good attendance is hoped for.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bartlett and Master Harry, of Berlin, N. H., visited relatives here last week, while on their way to Gardiner, where they are to spend the summer.

GILEAD.

Mrs. Arthur Bennett has been seriously ill, but is better.

Mrs. Chas. Bemis is dangerously ill from the effects of the grip.

There was a meeting at our church Sunday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. F. E. Rand.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bean and son Frank, of Swan's Corner, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bean's mother, Mrs. Mary J. Bennett.

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On every blooming tree,
And spreads her sheets o' daisies white
Out o'er the grassy lea.—Burns.

Dell Smith was in town last week.

Robert Clough was with us for a short time last week.

Frank Bisbee's store rejoices in its spring cleanliness.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Godwin spent the day in town recently.

Nature has donned her dress of green, and a beautiful one it is.

Moses Coburn in company with Eben Kilborn made us a short call.

Billy Kendall has been treating our rooms to a coat of whitewash.

Miss Fannie Hastings and Miss Anna Jordan were at Screw Auger Falls last week.

The Union Circle will meet Wednesday afternoon, June 6, with Mrs. H. S. Hastings.

The subject of the Sabbath discourse by Rev. W. H. Congdon, was the "Power of God."

There was a dance at Bisbee Hall last Thursday night; music by Hastings and Merrill.

Three of our reliable citizens have seen on the roadside between this village and Bethel Hill, some wild (?) animal lying in wait for unwary travelers.

Last Thursday evening we had the pleasure of listening to our presiding elder, Rev. A. Ladd at Union church, who preached from the words found in John 7:17.

On Wednesday, May 23, the Union Circle met and elected the following officers for the year:

Pres.—Mrs. W. H. Congdon.

Vice Pres.—Mrs. J. C. Saunders.

Sec.—Miss Ann Rowe.

Treas.—Mrs. C. P. Bartlett.

Com. on Work.—Mrs. H. S. Hastings.

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SOUTH PARIS.

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Base ball and bicycle riding are the chief amusements now.

Mr. Fred Marston is working for A. C. Jones, machinist and plumber.

Mr. Pearl Ripley, who has been spending several weeks in Boston, has returned home.

Miss Bertha Rideout, who has been at Freeport for the past two months, is at home again.

The Chronicle, the breezy organ of the High school, came out last week. It is published semi-annually and is an interesting little magazine.

The Sophomore class of the High school will give an ice cream and cake social at New Hall next Wednesday evening. An orchestra has been hired for the occasion and a good time is expected.

Mr. William McArdle, an enterprising flute player of this village, has started a music store in the place vacated by L. B. Andrews, the clothier. Mr. McArdle has done well thus far, and is getting large orders by mail from neighboring towns.

The Grange presented a successful drama at their hall, last Wednesday evening, entitled, "Jumbo Jump." Besides this, a laughable farce was well rendered. Mr. Wm. Blood played a violin solo, followed by comic readings from Prof. A. E. Morse and Frank Starbird. Mrs. Annie Fletcher sang a solo with a violin obligato by Miss Gertrude McArdle. After eating ice cream and cake, the large audience went home well satisfied.

NORWAY.

New planking has been laid on the Main street bridge.

Henry Osborne has been visiting his many friends in town during the past few days.

A large party of men from the Congregational society attended the Gale meeting at Hebron, Friday evening.

About two hundred feet of the corporation's drain pipe has been taken up and repaired. This pipe became filled with earth, thus causing poor drainage in the vicinity of the car barn on Main street.

A large number of observers caught momentary glimpses of the solar eclipse, Monday forenoon. The sky was covered with clouds, yet a parting in them would occasionally reveal something of the phenomenon. The school children seemed to be the most anxious observers.

Thieves have been at work in Pine Grove cemetery, as is their annual custom—removing flowers, wire holders, and even ribbon. Every effort is being made to bring the guilty parties to justice, and a good slice of law they should have, too.

The selectmen posted the laws concerning bicycle riding upon the sidewalks, some time since, yet these notices are not heeded in the least, either by riders or those whose duty it is to enforce such regulations. Some future accident may open the way for an understanding of the laws prohibiting such riding as is carried on at present.

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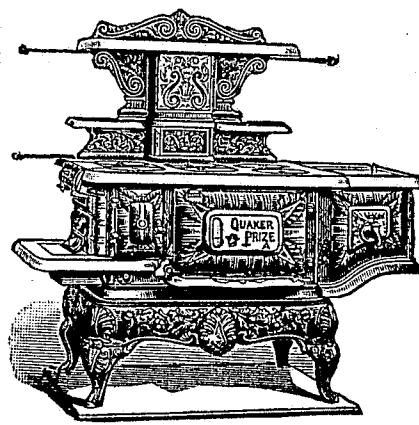
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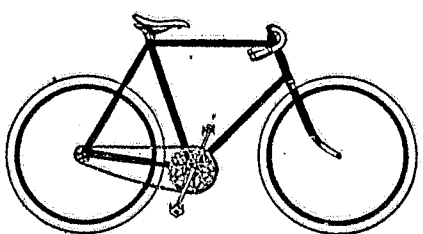
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	9.00	4.38	10.39
BETHEL,			
West Bethel,	9.10	4.46	10.47
Gilead,	9.24	4.59	10.58
Gorham,	10.00	5.42	11.26
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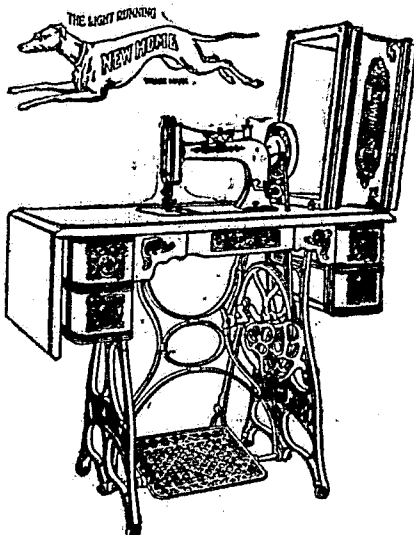
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FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

TWO LITTLE INDIANS.

Victoria Strikeplenty and Willy Whitebird, a Pair of Sioux Orphans. Every spring, when the Wild West show comes to New York, there are a few little Indian children who are brought along with their parents and occasionally a papoose, which is carried about on its mother's back in a case of buckskin decorated with beads. This year there are two children in the show, a boy and a girl, and they are both of the Sioux tribe, but are not relatives. The boy is little Willy Whitebird, 5 years old, and the girl is Victoria Strikeplenty, 6 years old.

These children are full of fun and play, but the boy likes best to shoot with bow and arrows.

Victoria has a little doll which she loves dearly, although it is in rather a



VICTORIA AND WILLY.

dilapidated condition. She calls it by an Indian name, which means "turtle-dove," and the poor little doll has its china toes broken off, and both arms are dislocated. She has dressed it herself in blue and white gingham and has tried to make it look like a real American doll.

Willy Whitebird wears a strip of buckskin, all beads and porcupine quills, fastened into the lock of hair at the back of his head, and Victoria has her braids tied at the ends with bunches of beads and odd odds. Their dress is made as showy as possible with metal rings and circular bits of looking glass, and when they ride into the ring to show how the Indians move their camps their faces are stained with yellow and red paint just like their fathers' and mothers'. They do not speak English now, but in another year these children will be sent to school by the United States government at their home in the Pine Ridge reservation, South Dakota.—New York Tribune.

Her Darling.

His hair is red and tangled, and he has a turned up nose; His voice is loud and strident, and it never gets reproach; His face is full of freckles, and his ears are shaped like fins, And a large front tooth is missing, as you'll notice when he grins; He is like a comic picture, from his toes up to his head, But his mother calls him "darling" when she tucks him into bed. It is he who marks the carpet with the print of muddy boots And rejoices in a doorknob that is pulled out by the roots; Who whistles on his fingers till he almost splits your ear And shocks the various callers with slang he chanced to hear; He fills the house with tumult and the neighborhood with dread, But his mother calls him "darling" when she tucks him into bed. —Washington Star.

A Rainy Day Game.

For the many damp or rainy days when play has to be carried on indoors a lively and jolly game is "the bogey man." Either a boy or girl may be blindfolded and must stand in the middle of the room, while the others change places as one does in "puss in the corner" or dance about in a circle and chant:

Whist, whist, whist! There comes the bogey man. Hurry up, you youngsters, He'll catch you if he can!

If the "bogey man" can tell the name of the one caught, then they change about until every one has had a turn at being blindfolded.

Clover Parties.

The time draws near for "clover parties," and a lot of sport may be got out of them. When the clover is at its height the boys and girls assemble after the heat of the day is over, and at a given hour the signal is sounded either from a whistle or bell, and the hunt for four leaf clovers begins in lane, field or lawn. When the time is up, the signal is given, and the hunters return to the house, where prizes are distributed to those who have the most, while the one who has the least must wear a "dunce cap" for the rest of the day. A prize may be given to the finder of clovers of more than four leaves.

Needed No Hens For That.

At a country fete a conjurer was performing the old trick of producing eggs from a hat, when he remarked to a little boy:

"Your mother can't get eggs without hens, can she?"

"Of course she can," replied the lad.

"Why, how is that?" asked the conjurer.

"Why, she keeps ducks!" replied the boy amid roars of laughter.—London Tit-Bits.

Bobbie's Complaint.

"Mamma," said small Bobbie, "what did you mean by saying sister had outgrown her shoes?"

"I meant that she had grown too big for them, and they will have to be thrown away," was the reply.

"Well, then, mamma," continued Bobbie, "how long will it be until I outgrow your slippers?"

Bird Millinery.

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infested with insects, the crops grew smaller and poorer, and finally the vineyards were abandoned. They had killed their best friend.

The East Indian birds are, as you know, mostly of very bright plumage, and much sought for trimmings, and armies of hunters are at work there the year round. And now scientists are telling us that that country is suffering a righteous punishment in that terrible scourge, the plague—for many species of birds act as scavengers, and perhaps we do not suspect for how much of the healthfulness of the world we are indebted to these little police of the air.

Recently a bill was presented to the legislature of Ohio prohibiting the killing of gulls on Lake Erie, because they eat the dead fishes that are washed ashore, which if allowed to be again washed into the lake would so poison the water that the fish could not live in it. It is now well known that the egret, the beautiful white heron of Florida, is nearly extinct in that State. It multiplies to some extent, in the other southern and middle-western States; but the hunter is again on its track and it will soon be as scarce as the white deer of our western forest, so wantonly exterminated. But Florida, too, is reaping the fruit of her shortsightedness and cruelty in the alarming increase of venomous snakes, whose eggs as well as young were formerly eaten by the heron.

It is not needful, perhaps, to repeat the story, so often told of late, of the cruelty involved in securing the plumes of these birds. It is only of a piece with the cruelty incident to this whole business of bird traffic. It is well known that they are killed only in the nesting season, while caring for their young, and when their plumes are the finest. Though a timid bird, yet so devoted are they to their young, that at this season, they cannot be driven away, and are easily shot; and the little birds, unable to fly, are left to die of exposure and starvation. Do our women know, that the brilliant birds so much admired for hat trimmings, are skinned alive? Yet this is an acknowledged fact. It is said that they retain their brilliancy longer; and then it is so much easier to skin birds alive, than when dead! Mr. Chapman, already quoted, says: "Can any humane woman, knowing these facts, wear on her bonnet, plumes which are an undeniable evidence of her approval of merciless slaughter and indescribable suffering?"

I would not by any means imply that women alone are responsible for this wholesale slaughter of our feathered friends. The small boy with his air gun, the larger boy with his rifle, the sportsman with his game bag, and the pigeon matches and pheasant shoots, which of all forms of bird killing, are the most senseless, the most cruel, and the most debasing, are sufficient evidences to the contrary. The New York shooting matches, where the number of pigeons sacrificed runs well up to the thousand in a single match, is barbarous in the extreme. But the English pheasant shooting, where the number destroyed is simply incalculable, is beyond compare, savage and brutal. If the birds were killed outright, it would be less reprehensible, but thousands are left to crawl away into the bushes and hedges, and die a lingering death from pain and starvation. A certain French nobleman (?) is on record as having killed, with his own hand, of birds and beasts, 50,000 annually for the past twenty-five years; and one of his achievements is having shot at 87 birds in three minutes, and not missing a bird. Our brothers have not much occasion to throw stones at us, but it still remains true, that by far the larger proportion of birds killed, lose their lives in the interest of the milliner—"butchered" not "to make a Roman holiday," but "to make a woman's bonnet gay."

My sisters, shall we, as an organization, be the last to recognize this evil? Shall we, who counsel moderation in things useful, prohibition of all things harmful, we who preach not only temperance and purity, but mercy and love for all living things, shall we be the last to enter the lists against one of

the most cruel, one of the most destructive, and one of the most far reaching evils of our day? It is gratifying to see the interest already manifested in this subject; to see the increasing number of hats without any such decoration. The Audubon Society has initiated the movement for bird protection; and other organizations are becoming interested in the work. The Georgia State Federation of Women's Clubs, last winter, organized the Bird Savers' Club. Two other State federations, those of Arkansas and Alabama, have since formed similar Clubs. Bird study is being introduced into many of the schools throughout the country. And this is heartily, urgently recommended by all our bird societies, and by those connected with the Agricultural Department of our government. For in this as in all other things, the hope of the world is in the children. Our own village school has its little bird society, under the supervision of two of our teachers; and the enthusiasm with which they have entered into this study, gives promise of much good work to come from it. It is true that the Audubon Society permits the use of ostrich plumes and domestic fowl quills. But White Ribbons believe that the only safe principle to act upon, in things evil, or in things doubtful, is prohibition. The use of any feathers only helps to perpetuate the fashion, and fashion creates the demand. Already large numbers of eagles, and of vultures, the most useful bird in the world, are being killed, and their feathers sold for domestic quills. Shall not we, as one of the great organizations of women in this country, throw the weight of our influence for this good cause, and show to the world that it is not for nothing that we claim to stand for every reform, and for every thing that makes for the good of the world?

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THE PEDAGOGUE.

London spends \$140 a year on the education of each child in the public schools. Professor Robert E. Hieronymus of Eureka college, at Eureka, Ill., has been chosen president to succeed Dr. J. H. Hardin, whose resignation is to take effect in June.

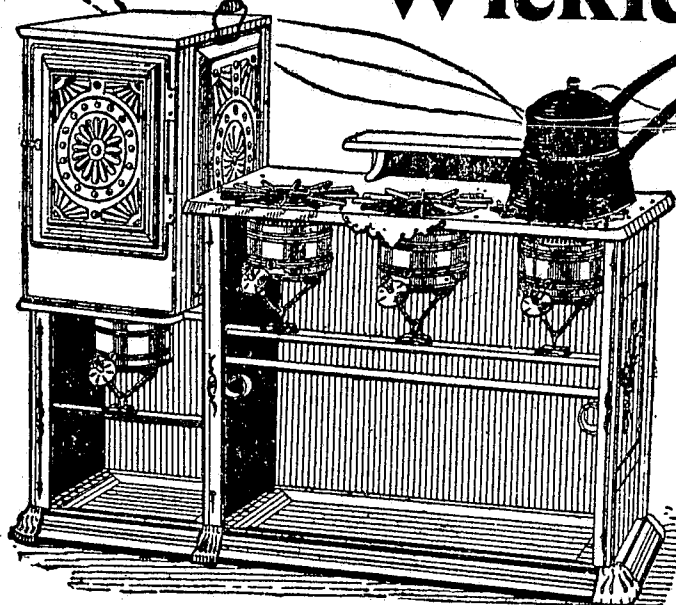
It is rumored in New York that Professor James H. Hyslop of Columbia university is not pleasing the officials of that institution by his investigation and endorsement of spiritualism and that his removal may follow.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hoarst has promised \$1,000 and Mayor James D. Phelan of San Francisco \$250 toward the \$5,500 which the Greek department of the University of California has pledged itself to raise as its share of the permanent endowment for the American school at Athens.

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THE NEWS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1900

Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Oxford County W. C. T. U.

(Continued from last week.)

The evening service as usual, was the service of the Convention, when all routine work is put aside. The address was by Mrs. Helen Rice of Boston; subject, "God's Hand in History." As the story of the Jewish nation was so fascinatingly told, it so naturally unfolded and mingled with the story of our own nation at the close of the nineteenth century, that it seemed like one and the same story, inasmuch as the overthrow of the Jews came through revealing and feasting—even as to-day. As God's hand guided the helm in ancient times, so He has us in His keeping and we must work and trust, never thinking of less than perfect victory at last. No brief sketch can give an idea of the beauty and strength of this address; it needed to be heard in its entirety to be appreciated.

The Oxford County song, written by Miss Isabel Shirley was given by a double quartet, which so kindly furnished the music of the evening, in a most excellent manner. Mr. Munroe of Boston, sang a solo most acceptably.

Although Thursday morning was ushered in by threatening storm, these eminent workers were not daunted, but 9:30 found them again assembled for a devotional exercise in which God's guidance was invoked upon all the deliberations of the day. Mrs. Emery Bonney conducted the services very interestingly.

At 10 o'clock, the Convention opened for business, and the secretary's report having been read and accepted, Mrs. O. M. Mason took the chair during the election of officers. Mrs. Martha B. Chapman of Bethel, was unanimously re-elected president. Miss Annie Cross, vice president of the eastern division; Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, vice-president of the western division; Emma Woodbury Chandler, Bethel, recording secretary; Jennie B. Kimball, East Hiram, corresponding secretary; Fannie Clifford, Hiram, treasurer.

Mrs. Chapman, upon again taking the chair, was greeted with hearty applause. But few changes

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were made in the superintendents. After business was dispatched, which, by the way, might be advantageously copied by some other larger bodies, Mrs. H. F. Morton read a very helpful paper entitled, "The Ideal Mother," which was followed by a "Talk to Mothers," by Mrs. Rice. Many helpful suggestions were given and it was a very practical talk.

In the afternoon, after the opening exercises, the Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolutions which were adopted by the Convention:

We, the members of the Oxford County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in this, the thirteenth annual Convention, desire to acknowledge divine Guidance in all our work looking to Him for help in the future.

WHEREAS, we realize the education of the children and youth in the principles of Temperance, is our only hope for the future,

Resolved, That each Union of Oxford county make a systematic and persistent effort to interest and instruct the children and youth, both in school and home, not only in total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, but total abstinence from all habits of speech and life, which tend to weaken true manhood and womanhood.

Resolved, That we be more loyal in wearing our badge and in promoting the principles which we represent.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Grand Trunk Railway for reduced rates to delegates to the Convention.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to Mr. Charles Davis for transportation of literature for the lumber camps from Bethel to Upton, and also to Rev. F. E. Rand, Oxford county missionary, for the distribution of the same.

Resolved, That we endeavor to increase the membership of our local Unions, together with their interest and efficiency in all branches of our work, and that we try to have new Unions formed wherever the opportunity affords.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the West Paris Union, who have so kindly taken us into their homes and provided so royally for our entertainment in all ways, and also that we express our appreciation of the beautiful decorations of the church thrown open for the Convention, and to those who so kindly furnished music of such excellence, and to all who in any way contributed to the success of this Convention.

MARIA M. IRISH, EMILY L. EMMONS, BELLE N. LUTLEY, ELIZABETH MORTON, Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Mason presented a very interesting report of Scientific Temperance Instruction in our public schools, and read an earnest paper upon School Savings Banks, and the Convention added this work to her department.

Miss Cross held the close attention of the audience while she read a paper upon Bird Millinery; by vote, this will appear in our county papers.

Superintendent of Press work reported the continued courtesy of the county papers in publishing reports and items of interest in our work.

Rev. Mr. Rich of West Paris, and Rev. Mr. Pottle of South Paris, were present and gave much help and encouragement by their timely words.

The Convention adjourned at 3:30, and passed into history as one of the most enthusiastic and interesting Conventions in the annals of the organization.

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NORWAY.

[Deferred Correspondence.]

Mrs. J. K. Chase draws considerable custom to her store near the fair grounds. Being the representative of a large wholesale firm she offers all goods at very low rates.

Mrs. Hattie Small has moved into her house on Lynn street and has a neat sign announcing her trade as dressmaker. She has received liberal patronage in the past and pleased all with her work.

The sacred concert in the Universalist church Sunday evening, was well attended and pronounced good. The program consisted of anthems by the choir: George Briggs, Grace Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimball; recitations, solos by James Dunn and members of the quartet, and other appropriate exercises.

Chas. P. Barnes has entered the law office of Chas. E. Holt, as a partner; so a new sign on the Hathaway block reads, Holt & Barnes. Mr. Holt is the senior member, having been in practice at the Oxford bar over 39 years. Mr. Barnes was admitted to the practice of law at the last term of the Oxford Supreme Court after receiving a good course of reading in the office of Symonds, Snow & Cook of Portland, and in the present office where he now enters upon his professional career.

The class parts at the High School have been assigned as follows:

Valedictory—Alice Frost. Salutatory—Alice Wetherell. History—Stephen J. Jewett. Prophecy—Emma F. Millett.

The class officers are: Pres.—Ray Jordan. Sec.—Alice Frost. Treas.—Grace Bennett. Chairman Ex. Com.—Howard Crockett.

The graduation will be June 8.

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PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

W. E. Norris, the novelist, is to write two comedies and a drama during the present year.

General Law Wallace is at work upon another drama, the scene of which is said to be laid in Thebes.

F. Marion Crawford, the author, is a yachtsman of ability and has just been granted by the Italian authorities a captain's certificate of his ability to sail a ship at sea.

The monument to Rosa Bonheur at Fontainebleau will be completely the work of members of the artist's family under the direction of Isidore Bonheur, the sculptor, her brother.

Hubert Herkomer, the English painter, is in Berlin to execute a number of orders for portraits and at the same time arrange an exhibition of his own works. This will include some of his most important pictures, among them the portrait of Miss Grant, the "Lady in White," the "Lady in Black" and some of his recent work in enamel.

THE RAMPANT LION.

A high compliment is paid public sentiment when the queen of England goes barmy.—Washington Post.

If the British can only overcome an enemy by superior numbers, how long will the British empire last?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

General Roberts will find he'll have to pay full fare before he reaches Pretoria by rail. The Boers hold all the passes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

John Bull is pleased to see that the Boer is trekking toward the interior, but he would be much better satisfied if he did not in nearly every case take all of his guns along.—Pittsburg Times.

President Kruger's peace overtures naturally will have some effect in the diplomatic world at large in making it clear that the contest from now on, so far as the Boers are concerned, is a death struggle for independence.—Chicago Record.

THE HALL OF FAME.

We can tell better whether Hall of Fame is a fitting title when we see the names inscribed therein.—Ridgewood (N. Y.) News.

The proposition to erect a hall of fame in New York city is of course being met with difficulty as to how to detect the famous.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

The ancients believe that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demonic enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost.

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Would Be an Object Lesson in Road Improvement—Postal Savings Banks Will Help Solve the Problem of Better Roads.

General Roy Stone recently addressed the Automobile Club of America in New York city on the subject of road improvement. General Stone said:

"I would be glad if I could trust myself to advise you as to the line of action you should take in promoting road improvement. It would seem as though you might wisely take up some of the larger problems which we have considered, but which were beyond the means at our control. In this great country it is often easier to do big things than small ones. You have only to catch the public fancy and stir up public sentiment and unlimited means are placed at your disposal.

"There are three great enterprises in connection with the good roads work, any one of which is worthy of your consideration.

"Three years ago, when the price of steel rails was below a cent a pound, we were on the point of success in introducing the general use of steel tracks, but for the lack of \$2,000 or \$3,000 to pay for new rolls to make special shapes of rails we were compelled to patch up our specimen tracks from shapes already in the market and thus failed to make them successful and attractive. When steel comes down again to normal value, it becomes the logical and necessary road material. All the considerations of easy traction, cheap maintenance and even of moderate first cost are in its favor.

"A second great departure which many of us have advocated looks to the provision of vast sums of money at very low rates of interest for the general construction of highways throughout the country. It involves the establishment of postal savings banks and the loan of their funds or on county bonds issued exclusively for road improvement and guaranteed by the state, the rate of interest to be no more than that paid by the government on deposits—possibly 2 per cent—the government gaining its compensation in the improvement of the highways and the better and cheaper transportation of the mails.

"The campaign for postal savings banks is already half won, and the only serious drawback to it is the difficulty of a lack of the proper investment of the funds. No investment could be safer than that in public roads, which add at least tenfold their cost to the value of the property which is pledged for the debt. The small interest charged could in most cases be taken out of the present amount of road taxation and still leave enough to keep good roads in good order, so that the great result of good roads everywhere would be brought about without a perceptible increase in taxation, while their benefits would be accompanied by that increase of rural thrift and economy which would result from an extension to all the agricultural regions of convenient savings institutions and the saving habit.

"There are two or three minor measures of great practical value in the gradual development of road improvement, such as strengthening and broadening the work which the department of agriculture is doing through the division of road inquiry in order that the larger educational work may be done both in the literary department of the office and in the object lesson work of road construction; such again as developing the employment of convict labor in the preparation of road materials in quarry camps, where the convicts can be guarded and secluded as well as in prisons and where they can have a healthful occupation, noncompetitive with free labor, and such finally as the promotion of state aid to road building under which the most substantial progress in road construction has so far been made.

"But the third of the grand undertakings which I would like to commend to you is the construction of a great national object lesson in road improvement and in the advance of values due to good roads. It is the building of a national highway across the continent and along both its shores. Such a highway, extending, for instance, through all the great coast cities of the continent, branching north and south along the Pacific, would traverse or touch two-thirds of the states of the Union. It need not be built by the general government except through Indian reservations and public lands, where the government itself would reap the profit in the advanced values. Each state could build its portion as a part of its own system and its own object lesson in road construction. The national supervision would insure the proper location and connection of the different state sections in order to form a continuous and well located through line. Such a highway would be the great thoroughfare of business and pleasure travel for vehicles of all kinds. It would soon be lined with villages, villas and model farms throughout its entire length, and the advance in property values would be so plain that 'he who runs may read.'

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of EDWIN H. STEARNS, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. 62
May 15th, 1900. Albert B. Richardson.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of HATTIE G. CHAPMAN, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. 61
May 15th, 1900. Horatio N. Upton.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates herein named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

EDMUND T. AINS, late of Mason, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Ellery O. Park, the executor therein named.

MEROY E. WHEELER, late of Gilead, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Harlan P. Wheeler, the executor therein named.

JOHN M. GALLISON, late of Woodstock, deceased; petition for appointment of F. Cushing Gallison as administrator, presented by said J. Cushing Gallison.

GEORGE W. BECKER, late of Albany, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Charles G. Becker, administrator.

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